

ANNOUNCEMENTS.
Below are announced candidates subject to the Democratic primary:
For Congress—**W. J. WARD.**
For Representative—**J. D. BOWMAN.**
For Collector—**ARTHUR CHESMON.**
For Recorder—**V. L. HARRIS.**
HARVEY E. MOORE.
R. L. STUBBLEFIELD.
For Probate Judge—**R. A. KINGSBURY.**
For Sheriff—**L. P. GOSBER.**
J. W. FARRIS.
For Prosecuting Attorney—**G. R. DAUGHERTY.**
C. N. MOZLEY.
For President County Court—**W. C. LAMBERT.**
W. H. BUGG.

AROUND BENTON.
George W. Brock died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Wm. Bizzell, in Morley, Tuesday, aged 69 years, two months and ten days. Mr. Brock was born on the farm now owned by Antonio Legrand adjoining Benton and has been a resident of this community ever since—except a few years spent in Madison county. Of late it appears that his mind was affected and Tuesday of last week his son Levi had him cared for by John Spaulding, superintendent of the poor farm. On Wednesday he was taken to his daughter's at Morley, where it was thought he could receive better attention. The brain affliction continued and he died as stated. His remains were laid to rest here Wednesday afternoon. The children that survive him are Hattie (Mrs. Wm. Bizzell), Levi, Robert, Ira. He was a brother to Mrs. B. F. Allen, who now resides at Oran.

An expert from St. Louis came down and fixed our jail and prisoners can be again locked up. It is reported that Sam Carter, the negro charged with the murder of Cal Davis, at Sikeston, last Christmas, was captured at Charleston. The county court offered a reward of \$250 for Carter, \$500 for Frank Baxter and \$250 each for the men who released the prisoners. There is now no doubt about the men who used the nitroglycerine being paid of Baxter. According to the prisoners who remained, when two of the men came up stairs, Baxter recognized them and asked, "Where is Carter?" He was told that "Carter" was down stairs on guard. Four men did the work.

The Kicker was somewhat in error regarding the city election at Sikeston last week. There were but two candidates in the field—J. L. Tanner and E. J. Malone. Mr. Emory had withdrawn. Mr. Malone was elected. Joe Randall was re-elected marshal by an overwhelming majority. John Litterback was elected assessor. The aldermen elected were Dr. H. L. Smith, Dr. McCombs, Wm. Fisher, Chas. Barrett, N. R. Morris and J. L. Leeper. Dr. Smith was appointed president of the board and W. H. Tanner treasurer.

Louis Guber was commissioned and sworn in as sheriff of Scott county Saturday and immediately assumed the duties of the office. It is not known whether he will move his family here soon or not. Deputy Wilkerson is occupying the sheriff's residence and Mrs. Wilkerson is in no condition to change locations at this time.

George O'Neal, who recently moved from this county to Arkansas, writes: "The rainy season of last year is making it hard on the people out here. It may be better if we get good crops this year. My advice is that all who have homes of their own in Missouri had better stay there."

John B. Green, a former sheriff of Scott county, died at the home of his father, in Sikeston Monday evening of pneumonia, after an illness of ten days. He leaves a wife and several children. He was the son of Calvin Green and a brother to Green B. Green and Mrs. Frank Sikes.

George A. Martin died at his home south of Benton Saturday of consumption. He was buried at Benton cemetery Monday. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Dowless at the Methodist church. His mother and brother, from Illinois were present.

Saturday evening the newly-elected trustees of Morley returned to Benton to qualify—there being no justice of the peace nor notary public in Morley at that time. They are J. P. Randall, J. P. Smith, W. T. Huggins, T. A. Griggs and Jess Adams.

Robert Timmerstein and family went to Oak Ridge Saturday to visit relatives. Mr. Timmerstein returned Monday and Mrs. Timmerstein and children are expected home Saturday.

Editor Kitchen, of the Bloomfield Courier, was a caller at the Kicker office Tuesday and seemed surprised at finding such an up-to-date printing plant in the woods.

When you come to Benton next week don't fail to call and see the Kicker man. He likes to meet the people and tell what they have to say. Come in!

When Sikeston, the metropolis of the county, elects a Republican mayor, what are you going to do about it?

The county court granted saloon license to Commerce, Ilmo and Perkins at one of its regular special terms Friday.

Collector and Mrs. Arthur Chism returned from a three weeks stay at Hot Springs, Ark.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schutte, of Edna, Thursday of last week.

The 19-year-old son of Wm. Collier, of the Sandyswoods, died Tuesday of pneumonia.

Harry DeWitt and DeWitt Johnson drove over from Commerce Sunday.

STRAYED—A black hen with about 18 chicks. \$1 reward. Kicker office.

FROM ORAN.
Ordinarily farm work is much advanced at this season of the year, but except a few days in February there has been no suitable weather for work on the farm. The result now, since spring has come and the ground has become dry, there is a great rush with the farmers in preparing the land for the plow. Several farmers west of town report their land has been so covered with water that nothing could be done in getting rid of fallen timber, repairing fences etc.

Oran this season will be called upon to entertain the M. E. church conference, commencing on the 25th inst. The medical fraternity of Southeast Missouri will convene here May 3rd. The Home Mission Society of the St. Louis conference on May 4, and the reunion of the Confederate Cavalry on July 4. We feel confident that our people will be equal to the occasion.

Our road supervisors here say that they are making preparations to begin working the roads at the earliest possible moment. Now that the special road district has been organized, we are anxious to see a fair test of the workings of the roads under the law made and that we may see if the many benefits that are promised us by the projectors are to be realized.

Prof. J. U. White, of Brookfield, a candidate for superintendent of public schools, by invitation, will deliver an address on education at the close of our school on the 27th inst. Prof. Shackelford, of the Cape Normal, and Prof. Carlie, of Central College, who will be in attendance at the church conference will also deliver addresses.

Several of our Republican friends attended the mass meeting Tuesday at Benton. They express themselves as being confident of carrying the state and county at the approaching election. Many who have been zealous workers in the Democratic ranks are now wholly indifferent as to the result.

The school board met Thursday and elected H. M. Aulbury as principal and selected Miss Lora Forester as primary teacher. A resolution was adopted that no teacher would be employed in the school that does not hold a first grade certificate.

George Metz commenced work on his new residence this week. It is to be a nine-room modern structure and will be erected on the premises tract purchased from J. M. Moran.

Charles Proffit was over from Benton Saturday. He thinks that the Republican party ought not to be held responsible for the severe March weather and the high waters.

Mrs. B. F. Allen, who has been in St. Louis for the past two weeks at the bedside of her son, Dr. Allen, is expected home this week. The Dr. is reported better.

The school board has had several forest trees cut in the schoolyard the rubbish removed and the ground put in the best possible condition.

C. N. Mozley, candidate for prosecuting attorney, and J. W. Farris, candidate for sheriff, were interviewing the people here Saturday.

The four-room frame building being erected by J. T. Githens on his lot near the bridge will soon be completed and has been rented.

The brick yard started up last week and is reported doing excellent work. They have had trouble in sinking a pump for water.

B. F. Anderson, of Commerce, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Stubblefield Sunday.

Thos. Hinkle and Joe Kiefer shipped several cars of stock last week. Marshall Arnold was in town Friday attending to legal business.

Mrs. R. S. Coleman is visiting at Essex this week.

J. D. Gillispie returned from Saint Louis Sunday.

Mrs. J. W. Reeder has been quite sick.

FROM NEW HAMBURG.
Our community was shocked Sunday by a telephone message announcing that John Goshe had shot and killed his wife at Cape Girardeau about 11 o'clock that day. John is the son of the late Peter Goshe. His mother and brother, Joe, live on the old homestead near Ilmo. He has many relatives here. His wife was a daughter of Frank Unterstall, of Cape Girardeau. About two years ago Mr. Goshe was declared insane and was in the asylum about a year, when he returned to his family. Of late his mind showed signs of returning and Sunday forenoon he had a quarrel with his wife and she went to her father's across the street. Shortly afterwards Goshe went to the Unterstall home, taking a shotgun with him and, finding his wife sitting in the kitchen he fired at her through a window, the shot taking effect in her head, killing her instantly. Goshe is about 45 years of age. He was arrested and taken to Jackson for safekeeping.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew H. Schoen, daughter Anna, and Martin Brucker went to the Cape Monday. Now we may expect the announcement of a wedding Sunday.

Solomon and Miss Clementine Hahn and Miss Emma Triplett attended the entertainment at Ellis school Friday night.

We are expecting the usual number of visitors at our Easter services Sunday. Also the "glad hand" of the candidate.

Miss Emma Triplett completed her school term at Schererville Friday having given general satisfaction.

Solomon Diebold is considering the matter of moving his family here for the summer.

The Lux sisters, of St. Louis, are at the bedside of their sick brother, Charlie.

FROM MORLEY.
Dr. T. E. Tomlinson received and set out 2,500 Elberta peach trees last week. This makes him an orchard of about 4,500 trees. There will be something doing in peach season when these trees get bearing.

Dr. C. D. Harris, Mrs. Lena Wellman and her little son have been to St. Louis to have an operation performed on the little fellow.

Rev. J. L. Howle and wife went to Charleston Tuesday to see Rev. Lee Saunders, who will close his meeting there soon.

Miss Mabel Tomlinson is clerking for J. E. Conington and can hand out the mail with the dexterity of a veteran.

J. C. Allen has just finished painting C. E. Leslie's house and is papering the Methodist church this week.

Eli Ward moved his household goods up from Canolou this week. His mother will care for his children.

Leo Nation died at the hospital at the Cape Thursday morning, and brought here for burial.

John Lee is fencing his property west of the Bizzell hotel, with woven wire.

Vivian, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Marshall, has been very sick. Miss Mary Legrand is teaching a subscription school at the city hall.

Mrs. Adell Wylie is visiting her mother this week.

FROM GREENBRIER.

John Sheets and son have just returned from Bollinger county, where they had moved his Jeffries on his farm.

George Sheets and family, of Indiana, are visiting his brothers, Joe, John and Bill at this place.

While cutting timber Mr. Wisdom felled a tree on Mr. Angle's cow and killed her.

Mr. Miller will address a Socialist gathering at Crowder Tuesday night the 17th.

Bill Franklin and Charley Goard will start for Indiana in about two weeks.

Ethel Carlyle was married Tuesday to a gentleman from Arkansas. There was a birthday dinner at Claude Marshall's Sunday.

Henry and John Esque moved to Hayti Saturday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Angle a girl.

FROM JONES' ISLAND.

Mrs. Ed. Haverd returned to her home at Blodgett Sunday. She has been at the bedside of her sick sister, Mrs. Josh Haverd, who is no better.

Berk Williams, of Hickory Grove, with Miss Ruby Carty and Byrd Evans, of this place, attended church at Morley Sunday night.

The good people of the Island should look after the widows and orphans—there being some among us needy and deserving.

Miss Sallie Walters, of Vanduser, is spending the week with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Evans.

Little Minnie Shubertberger celebrated her ninth birthday Wednesday of last week.

Miss Lottie Bynum, of Morley, visited friends here and at Minner's Lake this week.

The young folks enjoyed themselves at the home of J. W. Evans Saturday evening.

Albert Parrish, of Buckeye, will spend the summer on the island.

Lincoln Dabbs, of Burg Ridge, had business here last week.

Julius Kings and Wm. Russell have sick children.

Louis Barnes, of Blodgett, visited us Sunday.

Wm. Simpson was at Blodgett Tuesday.

Miss Bell Frolich is visiting at Dexter.

FROM LITTLE RIVER.

The fine weather is causing the farmers to bustle, and Albert Fant says he has already planted a quart of corn.

Meddams E. B. Comstock and Paul Schumacher visited Mrs. Burnett Smith Tuesday.

Brother Ashley disappointed the assembly at Batt's school by failing to appear.

FROM BLODGETT.
The railroad bicycle that was stolen by the robbers from the Johnstone Land Co. was located about three miles west of Vanduser by A. W. Bowman. It was some distance from the railroad in the woods.

Aunt Betty Landers died Friday of pneumonia. Mrs. Landers was 77 years old, and made her home with Mrs. Jane Peal. She was buried in the Blodgett cemetery Saturday evening.

A construction gang from Sikeston are moving the old store building of Marshall's, and J. D. Eckridge is moving the Johnstone Land Co.'s office.

The town board met and qualified Friday night. J. D. Cavanaugh was elected mayor and W. W. Reams clerk.

Mrs. Audrey Moxley, of East Prairie, visited her aunt, Mrs. J. E. Morris, a few days last week.

FROM PORTER'S SWITCH.
Myatt Murchison and Miss Dora Shelby were out buggy riding Sunday and drove into the fence and tore the buggy up.

Children's day will be observed at Savannah the second Sunday in May. Every body come and bring well filled baskets.

Mrs. Kate Maynard returned Sunday from a week's visit to her sister, Mrs. Sidney Hornback.

A crowd enjoyed themselves at Joe Mackley's Wednesday night and at John Collins' Friday night.

Miss Mattie Murchison has resigned her school at Lemmons district.

Mrs. Frank is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. A. Wagoner, this week.

Clarence Williams, of Diehlstadt, was here Monday.

Allen, son of A. A. Wagoner, is very sick.

FROM SAVANNAH.
P. D. Utley returned home Thursday from Illinois, where he has been at the bedside of his father for several months, who has been very low.

There will be a basket drive here the second Sunday in May. Every body come and bring well filled baskets.

Mr. and Mrs. Pate and Tom Worrel, of Unity, attended church here Saturday.

Arthur Murchison, Sam Dozier and Miss Maud Sherer spent Sunday at J. J. Gages.

Rev. Joe filled his regular appointment and preached us three good sermons.

Miss Addie Burns, of Bird's Point, visited her mother, Mrs. Joe Burton, Sunday.

Mr. Lucwell, of Marion City, Tenn., will teach a singing school here.

Dr. Lindsay, of Charleston, was here Tuesday.

Health is good in our district.

FROM DIEHLSTADT.
J. W. Kirkpatrick is running a telephone line from here to the Whitell farm. It is intended to connect with Charleston later.

Mrs. Ella Cooper spent Tuesday with Mrs. Agnes Miller, and Mrs. Adin Abshier visited Mrs. Allie English Wednesday.

Miss Lettie Scott visited Mrs. Agnes Miller Friday, and Mrs. Elsie Stone spent Monday with Mrs. A. J. Abshier.

Mrs. Dora Burns spent Sunday with Miss Josie Bagwell, and Miss Dora Shelby visited here Monday.

J. Mifflin and family spent Sunday here, and Mrs. J. Mitchell visited Mrs. N. B. Cavanaugh Monday.

M. L. Ostner, J. L. Kirkpatrick and E. Abshier went to Charleston Friday night.

Ostner & Marshall are having lumber put on the ground for a new store building.

Matt Rogers was at Charleston Monday and Howard Fuel was here.

Miss Ulice Hindman visited relatives at Morehouse last week.

Alvin Martin and family have moved here from Doniphan.

Fred Harper, of Bertrand, visited relatives here Thursday.

N. B. Cavanaugh spent Monday and Tuesday at Benton.

Mrs. L. Holmes has returned from her Sikeston visit.

I. Smith, of Chaffee, was a visitor here Sunday.

Mrs. C. Brewer spent Sunday with Mrs. J. Fuel.

FROM COMMERCE.
In accordance with the recent ruling of the revenue department at Washington that dealers in patent medicines containing a large percent of alcohol must obtain revenue license, a revenue officer has been in the county "looking around." Among the medicines that require a special tax are Atwood's lagrippi specific, Cuban ginger, DeWitt's stomach bitters, Dr. Bowler's buchu gin, Dr. Fowler's meat and malt, Duffey's malt whiskey, Gilbert's rejuvenating iron and herb juice, Hostetter's stomach bitters, Kudros, Peruna, Rock candy cough cure. If the federal government holds these "medicines" to be booze and demands the license, why doesn't the state, county and town do likewise?

Mrs. James A. High, of Commerce, was taken to the Farmington asylum Tuesday. Sheriff Guber and County Clerk McPheters accompanied her. For some time her mind has been unbalanced, but of late has become violent. Her eccentric say she behaved well and gave them no trouble.

Fish are plentiful here, and our fishermen are not only giving us plenty, but supplying the surrounding country.

Mrs. Ward L. Smith and daughter, Miss George Porterfield, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. George Shero returned to St. Louis Tuesday after a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. DeWint.

Ambrose Monds has moved to the hills, where he bought the Sillman farm.

Mrs. G. C. Roe has moved back from St. Louis.

We now have two butcher shops. The river is falling.

FROM HICKORY GROVE.
There will be preaching here Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night, and Rev. Atwood, of Marble Hill will preach the fourth Sunday.

The fox chase Saturday night resulted in a good long drill but no foxes.

There is some talk of organizing a Sunday school here.

Quite a number dined at Jim Swains Sunday.

John Beckman had several visitors Sunday.

A few melons have been planted here.

How They "Figger."
Smith was a poor man who worked for Hays, a rich man, and he also rented and occupied one of Hays' houses. One day Hays asked Smith why he did not buy himself a house. Smith said he was not able. Hays said "you can buy the one you now occupy for \$2,500. I will give you \$35.00 per day; you can support your family on \$1 and I will credit you \$25.00 on the house; that will enable you to pay for it in 1,000 days."

Smith agreed and went to work. After a long time Hays told Smith that times were getting hard and he would have to drop his wages a little, but he would still give him \$1 for his family, and credit him with \$2 on the house. He had now paid \$500. There was just \$2,000 left to pay which at \$2 per day Smith could pay in 1,000 days. Still Smith kept at work.

After awhile Hays again cut his wages to \$2.50 per day. Smith had paid another \$500 and there was only \$1,500 left to pay, which, after Smith had received \$1 for his family and got credit for \$1.50 on his house, would enable him to pay it in 1,000 days.

That killed Smith. His wife, having a little curiosity, went to a spirit medium to find out what had become of her husband. The medium rang up the long distance telephone and asked, "Is this heaven?" "Yes," came the answer. "Is Smith there?" "Yes," came the answer. "What is he doing?" "He's singing."

Here Mrs. Smith declared it was not her Smith, for her Smith could not sing. But the angel said people who could not sing a note on earth could sing beautifully in heaven. Still she was not satisfied and asked, "What is he singing?" and the answer came, "He is singing."

When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, We're no less days to work for Hays.

Then when we first begun.

FROM ROCKVIEW.
Mat Powell has left Lost Hill and gone to Chaffee. He says he is not good enough marksman for the Lost Hill boys.

Chas. Slinkak was the successful bidder on the contract for road work in our district.

Sunday was a great day for snakes on Lost Hill. Wm. Scherer killed 15; later 22 more were killed.

J. H. McLaughlin was elected a member of the Republican county committee Tuesday.

Menz & Co. received a carload of hay last week and it went like hot cakes.

Joe and W. J. Bell and Lee Parks attended church at Chaffee Sunday.

Fred Haynes has sufficiently recovered from his injuries to be out again. Quite a number of our Republicans visited the county seat Tuesday.

G. A. Biernert was in St. Louis last week.

Claude Holmes is sick.

FROM ELLIS DISTRICT.
Virgie Hawkins and Blanche Keith, of Commerce, spent Sunday with Irtie Hawkins.

Emma and Jake Wilkerson spent Sunday with friends near Macdonlin.

The entertainment at the close of school Friday night was quite a success.

Rose and Belle Garvey visited Miss Carolina Schlicht Tuesday.

A. C. and M. E. Miller visited Mrs. David Spradlin Sunday.

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Can Do It All.
"Mrs. Peck is studying ventriloquism."

"What on earth has she taken that up for?"

"I don't know exactly. Her husband told me he thought her idea was to be able to make him keep utterly silent and do all his talking back herself."—Judge.

Not Complimentary.
"Your husband travels a great deal, doesn't he?"

"Yes, a great deal."

"You never go with him?"

"No."

"Ah, yes. I remember now. Your husband told me he was never happier than when on the road."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Sarcasm.
"Much obliged to you, son," said old Titterst to the youngster who had run several blocks on an errand for him, "here's a penny for ya."

"Don't tempt me, pop," replied the bright boy, "if I took all that money I might buy an auto and it ain't pinched for scratchin'!"—Philadelphia Press.

Her Preference.
"My heart's in laying at your feet," he said with pathetic nicely planned. Quoth she: "I think 'twould be more real to have a diamond on my hand."

—Washington Star.

HILARITY AT TRAIN TIME.

"This seems to be a very dull and uninteresting place. I don't see what you people do for amusement."

"Oh, we get lots of amusement. When we want any we just come down 't' the depot and look at the people on the trains."—Chicago Journal.

The Main Point.
"I'd like to have so much to do as never to get through it. I'd like to have so much to do and then not have to do it."

—Life.

The Cause of the Trouble.
"What caused you to strike the customer?" queried the proprietor.

"He sets down, an' when I asks him what'll be," explained the new waiter, "he sez: 'You ain't got no brains, have you?' an' then I soaked him one."—Houston Post.

Discouraged.
"There is no use trying to please people," said Mr. Dustin Sisk.

"What is the trouble?"

"If you don't contribute to campaign funds they say you're parsimonious, and if you do they say you're corrupt."—Washington Star.

Significance.
"Remember," said the grave counselor, "that much money does not necessarily indicate great success."

"No," answered the ambitious youth. "But its entire absence is a pretty sure sign of failure."—Washington Star.

Not Strong Enough.
"Didn't you take a vacation this summer?"

"No. My health wouldn't permit. I didn't feel strong enough to go mooning or travel nine hours a day on a board walk."—Washington Star.

Apparently They Did.
Friend—Did the lawyers get you confused?

Ex-Witness—Did they get me confused? Why, I testified that Jones lived next door to me, but I couldn't remember the street number.—Puck.

Woman's Mission.
Merritt—Man was made to mourn, you know.

Cora—And what was woman made for, pray?

Merritt—To make him do so, I suppose.—Tit-Bits.

Foolish Man.
"I'm in very bad shape."

"That so?"

"Yes. Doctor told me I might die any day now."

"Well, what's keeping you, now that you've got his consent?"—Cleveland Leader.

A Hoodoo.
"Do you think he'll win?"

"No."

"Then why are you laying a bet on him?"

"Because if I thought he'd win he wouldn't."—Judge.

Oh, That Baby!
Young Husband—That baby next door is a thundering nuisance, and it ought to be put down.

Young Wife—It would cry all the more, dear, if it was put down.